

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1080

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Sunil Ramaprasad.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in honoring an outstanding physician who has saved hundreds of lives in emergency situations and greatly improved the quality of life for his patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sunil Ramaprasad has served the Lakeway area, Morristown, and Hamblen County with compassion and expertise for the past twenty-five years through his cardiology practice, Morristown Heart PLLC; and

WHEREAS, an interventional cardiologist, Dr. Rama, as he is fondly known by his patients and peers, has been on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the past twenty-five years; he seems to never sleep and, like Superman, appears out of nowhere when a patient arrives at the hospital with a heart problem; and

WHEREAS, he has helped improve the availability, delivery, and quality of cardiac care in the community by pursuing local and regional partnerships, most famously with St. Thomas in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramaprasad has built and nurtured valuable relationships with his fellow medical professionals, including the emergency medical service, over the years, and he is renowned for his calming and consistent manner with both patients and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a modest gentleman who believes in paying forward, Dr. Ramaprasad finds satisfaction in mentoring the medical and pre-med students who rotate through his practice; and

WHEREAS, last year, he was presented the inaugural Exceptional Commitment to Healthcare Award by Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System/Covenant Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramaprasad graduated from Bangalore Medical College at the top of his class; he was named Best Intern during his first year of residency, promoted to chief resident during his final year, and then completed a cardiology fellowship in New York; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Ramaprasad is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife and most valuable partner, Jyothi (Jo), and their three sons, Nikhil, Shaan, and Dhilan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramaprasad is literally a lifesaver in his community, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Sunil Ramaprasad for his ongoing commitment to quality cardiac care and thank him for improving the health and saving the lives of so many Tennesseans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.